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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH UNESCO BOARD CHAIRMAN

HECTOR WYNTER

1. HECTOR WYNTER DROPPED BY EMBASSY NOVEMBER 6 TO FILL ME IN ON MANEUVERINGS WHICH LED TO PASSAGE OF BELGIAN RESOLUTION AT RECENT UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD (EX BD) MEETING AND TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE ASSISTANCE AND FRANK COUNSEL HE HAS RECEIVED FROM USG.

2. WYNTER SAID IT WAS AN "OPEN SECRET" THAT THE US INTENDED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO AND ASKED IF THIS ACTION WAS IN RETALIATION FOR THE SEATING OF THE PLO AT THE ILO CONFERENCE IN JUNE. I ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SUBMISSION OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO WAS BEING GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BY THE US, CITING THE REASONS (POLITICIZATION OF ILO, ETC.) WHICH HAD LED US TO CONTEMPLATE THIS ACTION. HE HAD BEEN UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE US ACTION WAS TO BE A DEFINITIVE BREAK WITH THE ILO, AND WAS RELIEVED TO LEARN THAT THE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW WAS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE THE CONDITIONS WHICH WILL FACILITATE OUR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION. WYNTER ACCEPTED MY OFFER OF

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A DETAILED BRIEFING ONCE A DEFINITE DECISION HAD BEEN

TAKEN.

3. WYNTER MENTIONED HE WAS CONTEMPLATING A TRIP TO WASHINGTON TO INFORMALLY DISCUSS WITH INFLUENTIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS UNESCO DEVELOPMENTS AND TO GET A FEEL FOR THE POSSIBLE RESTORATION OF U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS. I AGREED WITH HIS OBSERVATION THAT THE CURRENT CONTROVERSY OVER THE ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION IN THE UN SUGGESTED AT LEAST A SHORT DELAY IN HIS TRIP TO WASHINGTON. I ASSURED HIM I WOULD REPORT OUR CONVERSATION TO THE DEPARTMENT, AND SOLICIT ITS THINKING ON THIS CONTEMPLATED VISIT. WE AGREED TO MEET AGAIN IN TWO OR THREE WEEKS TIME.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO WYNTER'S INTENDED VISIT TO WASHINGTON (E.G. UTILITY, TIMING; PERSONS TO SEE, ETC.)
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